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DEATH. On December 28th, at Foschow, DINSHAH J. Peticura, aged 45.-Bombay, Shanghai and Japan papers please copy.

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The Mary

HONGRONG, DECEMBER 30TH, 1909. A VERY satisfactory defence seems to have been made by the Japanese Government to the allegation contained in a recent official report to Washington by Mr. F. D. CLOUD, who until quite lately was the American consular representative at Mukden. Mr CLOUD's statements suggested that Japanese goods are being smuggled in enormous quantities into Manchuria from the leased territory of Kwantung, and that the trade of other foreign merchants in Korea in greatly handicapped on this account. It is confusing to have two large tracts of territory in China bearing the same name and it may be well to state that the Kwanthe capital, but that part of Manchuria and was again remanded. leased to Japan. The Consul quoted statistics from the Chinese Customs returns for 1908 to support the view he adopts, that Japanese. Thus, we are told that these returns show the total value of goods directly imported from foreign countries into Manchuria at Dairen in 1908 was Tls. 17,205,936. Of this amount goods to the value of Tls. 4,645,079 only found their way into the interior by rail, and it follows that 12,570,857 taels' worth ostensibly

remained within the boundaries of the leased

territory of Kwantung. Mr. CLOUD, however, infers from the sparsity of the population of that territory, that all these goods could not possibly have been needed for Kwantung; and that, therefore, the greater portion of them must have been smuggled from Kwantung into the interior of Manchuria by rail. The Consul surely could scarcely have realised gravity of the attack he was making, all too recklessly, on the honesty and good faith of the Government of Japan, or he would have been careful to make sure that his damaging inference was a perfectly sound one. He, however, appears to have taken no pains whatever to examine his conclusions. Foreign Office in Tokyor in a communique to the Press, shows conclusively that Mr. CLOUD's deductions from the Customs totals are entirely fallacious. There were sound reasons apparently why only one-fourth of the goods imported at Dairen should have passed over the borders of Kwantung into the interior of Manchuria. Mr. CLOUD'S report overlooked the fact that upwards of 70 per cent. of the imports consisted of railway material, industrial machinery and building material. Practically the whole of this was needed in the leased territory Kwantung, and the interesting note is added that 99 per cent. of the Railway Company's requirements (reaching in value 12,000,000 taels) came from America. There is little or no industrial enterprise at present outside the territory leased to Japan, and though the population is small in comparison with that for the whole province of Manchuria, the industrial developments and the railway conversions and double tracking which have been taking place would seem to fully account for threefourths of the imports (judged by their value) being consumed in this comparatively small part of the province. If smuggling of the kind suggested in the Consul'sreport had really been taking place, some support for the contention might be looked for in the imports from other countries, which are presumed to have suffered. Foreign goods for the interior of Manchuria pass usually through Newchwang. and last year, when all this enormous smuggling was assumed to have taken place, we find that the imports at Newchwang showed an increase of 50 per cent, over the returns of the previous year. There is therefore no substantial support for Mr. CLOUD's suggestions of Japanese smuggling on a very extensive scale, and the significance of the Customs statistics noted by the Consul is shown to have a very simple and apparently quite satisfactory explanation.

H.M.S. Kent left Singapore for Hongkong on Tuesday.

The English Mail of the 27th November was delivered in London on the 28th inst.

The Japanese Consulate has removed into Mesers. Arnold, Karberg and Co.'s Building. We regret to learn that Mr. Frank Smyth.

who is at Home on holiday, has had the misfor-

tune to break his leg while skating. A large launch will leave Kowloon Police Pier at 8.50 p.m. on Friday to convey guests to the dance on board the Tamar.

A Japanese company has been formed to work mica mines in Korea. Mica has only recently been discovered in Kores.

Mr. S. Bisney, 4, Peak Road, reports to the police that he left on the first seat in Bowen Road a rhinoceros horn walking stick valued

Two Japanese were at the Magistracy fined \$100 each or undergo six weeks' imprisonment for having stowed away on the s.s. Prinz The Commander-in-Chief, the Captain and

Officers of H.M.S. King Alfred have decided to give a dance in the City Hall on Monday. February 14th. The cruiser leaves for Home at the end of February.

The hearing of the charge under the Bankruptcy Ordinance against Moosa Ebrahim. an Indian draper, was continued at the Magistracy yesterday before Mr. E. R. Hallifax. Documentary evidence was given and the case again remanded.

The Hon. Mr. Hazeland satat the Magistracy yesterday to resume the hearing of the charges was remanded, the Magistrate stating that against certain Chinese merchants of having he would apply to the authorities to have the tung mentioned in this article is not the infringed certain trade-marks with respect to shopkeeper at Nanking brought before the neighbouring province, of which Canton is pills. The case has been pending for months Court.

For selling opium which purported to be the Toyo Kisen, Kaisha will separate from the Opium Farmer's and bore labels identical to his a respectably dressed Chinese was at the Magisextensive smuor line is being provided by the tracy, yesterday ordered to pay a fine of \$250 or go to prison for three months. Mr. Hoggarth. the chief excise officer, caught the defendant in the act of selling the opium.

A Rifle League has just been formed in Hongkong, Mr. M. S. Northcote has been appointed hon secretary, and the subscription has day schedule. The average cargo_which the been fixed at \$10 per annum. The rules of the T.K.K. steamers have been taking from League are now in print, and may be obtained shortly from the hon. secretary. The Committee hope to raise sufficient funds for a trophy.

The Austrian craiser Kaiserin Elisabeth TELEGRAMS. arrived in port yesterday.

The profit earned by the South Manchurian Railway during the half-year ended September 30th was yen 1,685,866.

This year's output of beaus in Manchuria is estimated as being worth Y100,000,000. About 40 per cent. of the output is taken by the bean-oil mills, and the rest exported.

Thirteen goldsmiths and a woman were arrested by the police at Circular Pathway on Tuesday night for gambling. At the Magistracy yesterday the three leaders were fined \$30 each and the remainder \$3 each.

We have received copies of the programme for the annual race meeting which takes place at Happy Valley on February 15th, 16th and 17th. There are, as usual, ten races each day. The training is now in progress and entries close on the 15th prox.

The Bishops who assisted the Archbishop of Canterbury in the conscoration of the four new Eastern bishops early this month at Westminister Abbey were the Bishops of London, Southwell, Lichfield, Birmingham, Liverpool, Stafford, Jarrow, and Bishops Montgomery, Evington, Fyson, and Corfe.

The Kowloon Cricket Club announce the usual Children's Sports at King's Park, Kowloon, on New Year's Day and give an open invitation to the children of the Colony and their parents. This is the fifth year in succession that the Club has arranged for Children's Sports, and the event grows more popular every year. H. E. the Governor has kindly promised to attend and present the prizes to the winners in the races.

The fine steam yacht Iolanda, belonging to Commodore Morton F. Plant, is on her way to an extended trip in Eastern waters, having left Southampton on November 20th. The yacht is proceeding vid Gibraltar to the Mediterranean calling afterwards at Colombo, Calcutta, Rangoon, Penang, Singapore, the Dutch, East Indies, Borneo, the Philippines, Hongkong, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe. On the return journey she will also call at Singapore.

Before Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N., at the Murine Magistrate's Court yesterday, Captain Downs, master of the sailing ship Juteopolis, charged B. Franklin and J. J. hymns sung will be Nos. 165, 288 and Edwardson, seamen, with wilfully disobeying sentenced each of the defendants to imprison- from the Peak at 11 p.m. and 12.15 a.m. ment for seven days with hard labour, or until the ship sailed, and ordered each to forfeit two days' pay.

The five principal coment companies of Japan and some of the minor ones are reported to have concluded arrangements for forming a trust, so as to resome their business, if possible, from its depressed condition. The cossation of new industrial enterprises has hit the coment companies hardest of all, not only because the demand for their product has been lessened, but also because its price has fallen. They are said to be now planning to increase their exports to Australia and Vladivostock,

By kind permission of Major H. C. B. Dann and Officers the Band of the 105th Mahratta Light Infantry will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel during dinner to-morrow (weather permitting):-

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The Washington correspondent of the Times says of Mr. William J. Calhoun, the new American Minister to Chiua :- Mr. Calhoun has not previously held any post in the Diplomatic Service, but this has not been for lack of offers. He has represented the State Department as a special agent abroad in several difficult and important negotiations, notably in those concerning the American claims against Venezuela. His careful examination of these claims provided a basis for the settlement which was subsequently concluded. Mr. McKinley and Mr. John Hay, his Secretary of State, had a high opinion of Mr. Calhoun.

at Shanghai last week with stealing about staged. 38,000 worth of silk from various godowns. and it appeared that before they could be captured the Municipal Police has had to trace them through Chinkiang, Nanking, and other large cities. They were alleged to belong to a gang which was engaged in plundering godowns in the Settlement, and it is believed that they have been in the habit of smuggling the stolen property to Chingkiang and thence to Nanking, where they sold it to a shopkeeper. The case

Japan, papers publish a rumour that the Pacific Mail Company. In the sequel of several visits to Japan by Mr. Avery, General Manager of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, the directors of the Company it is said have tacitly agreed to withdraw from co-operation with the Pacific Mail Company. Another proposition which is said to have been advanced is that of cutting out Honolulu as a port of call for Japanese steamers and making the straight run between Yokohama and San Francisco on a ten-Oriental ports to Honolulu has amounted to about 1,200 tons a trip, but it is asserted that this quantity of cargo could easily be secured in goods destined for American consignees.

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On the following morning, January 1st, the Festival of the Circumcision and New Year's Day, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 8 a.m.

The Roman Catholic Cathedral is thrown open from daybreak till 6 p.m. to-day, to-morrow and on New Year's Day. There will be exposition of the Holy Sacrament each day, and in the evenings sermons preached by the Rev. Rector of the Cathedral, concluding with the Benediction of the Holy Sacrament. To-morrow evening after 5 o'clock a solemn Te Deum will be sung, his Lordship the Bishop officiating assisted by the full clergy and seminarists. On New Year's Day a High Pontifical Mass will be officiated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Fr. F. Noval, a deacon and a sub-deacon, at 8 o'clock in the morning, and in the evening solemn, vespers, sermon and Benediction, concluding with the singing of the "Adeste fidelis" by the choir of St. Joseph's College.

"FACING THE MUSIC."

Last night the Bandmann No. 1 Comedy Co. presented that old favourite "Facing the Music" to a large a udience in the theatre royal. The play, which is really a series of misunderstandings placing the principals in awkward and amusing predicaments, is one which, by the numerous laughs it creates, should always find favour with the theatre-going public, Henry Dallas, as "the other Mr. Smith," Mr. Harry Neville as "the Rev. Smith," together with Miss Lillian Dundas "Mabel" and Miss Blanche Forsythe "Nora." filled the principal roles with considerable success, and kept the audience in fitfu laughter during their tenure of the boards. The other members of the Company cleverly interpreted their parts, and with the dropping of the curtain another success was established by this

popular troupe. The Company terminate their short stay here Two men were charged in the Mixed Court to-night when "A Pair of Spectacles" will be

SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Noel. Murray & Co.'s Report on the

Shanghai Piece Goods Trade says :--For the quietness of the market at the close. this year is positively going to break the record. There is a certain amount of inquiry it is true, but there is an almost entire absence of actual business going through. The stringency of the native money market, although interest is not very high, is greatly hampering business, as would-be buyers cannot get the wherewithal to comply with the terms most holders are stipulating for, namely, prompt cash. There are plenty who are willing to put goods in the book for two months delivery if they can be bought at current rates, or some outrageous prices, but Importers prefer taking the risk of the market themselves in view of the prospective short supplies. It is thought in some quarters that about the middle of next month, when holders may be more inclined to give delivery after China New Perceptitying will be on a fair - free to the it is becoming very plain that the stocks of suitable goods both here and in the country are fast dwindling down. The River markets are extremely quiet this

year, although they have usually shown considerable activity after the closing of the Northern Ports. Some of the dealers say it is on account of the damage done in the country by the floods during the Autumn. We have not heard any more about Ningpo, but the poor clearances for the port would seem to fully confirm the bad reports we mentioned

COMPANY MEETING.

CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO.

The annual meeting of shareholders in the above company was held at the offices, 14. Des Voeux Road, yesterday at noon. Mr. F. Ellis, general manager, presided, and the others presentwere Miss Bishop, Messrs. A. F. Arculli, A. R. Ellis, V. P. Musso, and C. A. da Roza. The notice convening the meeting having

been read. The CHAIRMAN said :- Gentlemen, - With your permission I will adopt the usual course and consider the report and statement of accounts at present in your hands as read. regret to have to place before you these accounts showing such a large loss, which after wiping off your reserve will still take away another 3,000 odd dollars from your capital. This adverse state of affairs is explained by the fact that your stock stood at a very large figure. The quantity of the various articles was by the gross whereas the sales being small the goods had to be school ship "Vernon" at Portsmouth, carried over from year to year, without any provision being made for depreciation. The time has now arrived when drastic measures have to be taken with reference to the valuation of the stock, which coupled with the heavy cost which would have revealed to anyone of moving from the Hongkong Hotel premises to the present store and cost of alterathe results of the whole labour done tions which were borne by your company, and a sum amounting to about \$800, which had to be written off as bad debts, are the principal causes which go to explain the adverse report now before you. The amount to be written off as bad debts cover a period from 1905/1907, for which no provision had been mad when the company was earning large profits and paying huge dividends. The value of your atook, which stood at \$9,115.91 on the 30th June, I may mention for your information, was arrived at by me with the co-operation of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews' representative, who have also prepared the accounts. Staff.-Your staff is composed at present of better men than in former years, in spite of

which I am glad to state the pay list is less by over \$200 a month. Gentlemen's Saloon.-The saloon, which is second to none in the Colony, is giving every satisfaction as is proved by the increasing number of subscribers. The subscriptions are larger by about \$100 per month than in the corresponding period of last year. Ladies' Saloon. - The orders which arrive daily and the attendance is much greater than in the previous years. The soloon is largely patronised, a fact which goes to show that it is also second to none in the Colony. Wigmaking, etc .-This department has also benefitted with the others, and orders for wigs, etc., is better than last year. The attendance of the staff during various theatrical performances held during the year gave entire satisfaction. Gentlemen, I have nothing further to say beyond expressing my firm conviction that the affairs of your company are improving and that when you are next assembled here again I shall be in the position of requesting you to pass a statement of accounts with the balance on the right side. Should there be any questions you would like to ask, I will answer them to the best of my

There being no questions the report and statement of accounts was adopted on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by

Mr. ARCULLI proposed and Mr. A. R. ELLIS seconded the re-election of Mr. A. O'D. Gourdin as auditor, which was carried.

Mr. ABCULLI-I propose a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding and for encouraging report he has given us.

Mr. Musso-I second that. The CHAIRMAN - I thank you for your kind remarks and attendance. That is all the

The report was as follows :-Gentlemen,-The General Manager begs to submit the accompanying Profit and Loss Account for the 18 months ended 30th June, 1909, and also Balance Sheet at 30th June, 1909, showing a loss for the period of \$7,233.47. This adverse result in the working of the period is attributed to general trade depression in the Colony, and to the drastic measures adopted in writing down the value of the stock. Owing to illness the General Manager was unable to take stock at 31st December, 1908, and, under the circumstances, it was decided to leave this over to the 30th June, 1909, at which date the stock was duly taken. The accounts therefore cover a period of 18 months. Mr. A. O'D. Gourdin has audited the accounts now presented and offers bimself for re-election. - F. ELLIS, General Manager Hongkon g, 14th December, 1909.

For the 18 months ended 30th June, 1909 To balance from working a/c To exchange To insurance ... To bad debts written off Less recovered ... 153.65 To audit fees ... To depreciation-On furniture and To interest on deposits... balance, loss for the 18 months transferred to balance sheet BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH JUNE, 1909. LIABILITIES. Captal-1,200 shares of \$10 each fully

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Sundry oreditors—On general account \$3,058.00 Reserve account, as per last belance sheet ... 9,000.00 Transferred to profit and

loss account per contra ... 9,000.00

Sundry debtors ..\$5,000.16 Less bad debts written off Stock-valued at ... Furniture, flatures and fittings As per last balance sheet ... \$511.65 Less depreciation \$388.81 Additions during the 18 months 1,320.19 Payments in Advance-Insurance premia \$ 63.50 Employees' outward passages 598.04 Cash:-In general manager's hands \$510.14 With Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China Profit and loss account ... \$4,885.55 Add unprovided for liability Adjusted loss to 31/12/07 85,485.55 Loss for the 18 months ended 30th June, 1909, per Profit and Loss Account 7,233.47 \$12,719.02 Deduct reserve account per 9,000.00 3,719.02

ROBBERIES.

\$18,308.00

The police were yesterday morning informed that at 5.30 four men wearing soft felt hats which were drawn down over their foreheads entered a house at Yaumati and gagged and bound a woman and stole from the house a quantity of clothing and some jewellery.

A curious robbery is reported from Ping Shan, near Deep Bay. While a Chinese was riding a donkey he was accosted by two men who produced a dagger and called upon him to stop upon pain of being stabbed. However, he ran away, but he found he had lost from the pocket of his riding jacket a purse containing \$85 and some medicine.

A highway robbery at Tsamtsuipo was reported to the police yesterday. On Tuesday while two men were walking from Laichikok Brewery to Seaton they were attacked by two men, one of whom was armed with a knife. The robbers threw one man to the ground and stabled him near the heart. They also stole a bundle, the contents of which are unknown-One of the robbers has been arrested.

A CARGO LANDING DISPUTE AT KOBE.

The Japan Chronicle translates the text of a udgment delivered in favour of the Tokyo Marine Insurance Company, in a claim brought by the Company, against Messra. C. Nickel & o., Ltd., Kobe, for damages to the extent of Y3,073.08, the amount awarded by the judgment being Y2.900.

Plaintiffs claimed that in July, 1908, the defendant firm, in the ordinary course of its stevedoring business discharged from the steamer Moyune into a lighter some planing-machines purchased by the Mitsu Bishi Shipbuilding Yard, and, it was alleged, owing to negligence on the part of the defendant firm the machinery in question was damaged in the process The plaintiffs had issued a policy insuring the machinery, and had to pay the sum of Y3,200 for the damage sustained, in addition to Y120 for the detention of the lighter and Y23.08 for inspection of the damage - Y83,343.08 in all. Of the sum Y270 was afterwards recovered by the plaintiffs by disposing of the damaged machinery, so that the total loss suffered to the plaintiff company was Y3,073.08,

Judgment was given in favour of plaintiffs for Y2.900 as stated, the claim for the balance being dismissed. In giving reasons for the decision the Court observes that the defendants discharged the machinery in dispute from the steamer Moyune in Kobe and conveyed it ashore in lighters. Defendants pleaded that they carried out the work merely in the capacity of employees of the steamship owners. But, referring to the evidence of Mr. F. W. Grimble, and exhibit No. 3A (a bill addressed to the Tokyo Soko Kaisha by Messrs. Nickel & Company), it is quite clear that the defendant firm demanded lighterage and lighter demurrage directly from the consigness of the cargo; From this it must be concluded that defendants, in complying with the request of the owners of the steamer, must have discharged the goods from the vessel in the capacity of stevedores. The Court cannot therefore adopt the view of defendants that they were simply the agents or employees of the owners. On the question as to whether defendents

were responsible as stevedores for the damage. caused to the goods, defendants contended that the damage was due to a flaw in the cast of the machinery itself; but from the evidence supplied by specialists in the Sumitomo Iron Works, the Osaka Ship Investigation Station, and the Kawasaki Shipbuilding Yard, who personally inspected the damaged goods and were later called as witnesses, the Court finds that such flaw did not exist. In view of defendants' admission that the machinery was damaged after being discharged into the lighter, it was essential for them, if they desired to escape responsibility for the damage, to prove that they or their employees had not neglected to take proper care, according to Article 337 of the Commercial Code. The Court finds that the evidence given by defen, dants in this connection was insufficient to free thom from the allegation of negligence and therefore they must be held responsible for reimbursement to the plaintiffs. The Court further observes that plaintiffs issued an insurance policy on behalf of the consignee of the machinery against any damage that might be caused thereto, and on the damage being done plaintiffs paid to the consignees the insurance money, amounting to Y3,050 according to the policy, and also Y120 as demurrage money for the lighter, making a total of Youk ? Plaintiffs are therefore entitled to claim these sums from defendants on behalf of the consignees. Plaintiffs obtained Y270 by disposing of the damaged materials of the machinery. Defendants are therefore under on an oligation to pay plaintiffs the sum of Y2,900. being X3,170, the total of insurance and demurrage money, less Y270, the amount realised by the sale of the damage machinery. As to the claim of plaintiff beyond this, the Court fails to see that the consignees sustained damage beyond the face-value of the policy. Therefore the claim of plaintiff beyond Y2,900 is dismissed.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET NOTES.

The Christmas festivities have made a break in the League competition, but of other cricket there has been quite a lot.

The match on Saturday and Monday between the Club and United Services produced some tall scoring. Each side had a century registered, Lieut, Green scoring 111 not out for the Services and Elborough 135 for his side. Power was disappointing, being beaten by Bird for a "duck" in his first and for single in his second innings. Young is improving considerably in his bowling and secured the best bowling average in both innings. His average in Club and League cricket should read well at the end of the season. Pelly was playing attractive cricket in his second innings, which he ended by attempting an impossible run, of which full advantage was taken by Harry Hancock behind the wickets. The fielding on both sides left a lot to be

There were several other friendly matches at the Valley and at Kowloon, but there was nothing of particular interest to record, with the exception that the Indian regiment scored a win against a strong Kowloon side.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

No League matches were played on Satur. day, even the second League matches being declared off. The American game of Rugby and the friendly game between the Club and King Alfred were well patronised, quite the largest crowd yet seen at Happy Valley this season being in attendance at the former.

To the large numbers of uninitiated who witnessed the "Rugger" game the wonder as to why Americans should have so many protectors and pads no longer exists, but at same time the game as played in the States must be much rougher, or it may be that the colleges put more "go" into it, as in a great many public schools football is now prohibited, owing to the large number of serious accidents.

From my place of vantage, I was able to overhear many diverting remarks during the progress of the game, and was highly amused at the flowing explanations of a loud-toned American who was explaining the game to some lady friends. With his assistance I was able to follow the game with interest, and am now the opinion that without the rough element the American game of football is one of the finest outdoor games played.

One particular phase of the game which thought could be introduced into British foot ball was the pre-arranged method of attack which enables each player of the attacking team to know just exactly what is going to happen, by the Captain calling out certain numbers or letters which are only understood by the team concorned. What our game would be with the centre forward calling out numbers or letters to indicate the flight of the ball, I can only imagine, but no doubt similar methods have been tested with little success.

take place on Saturday is likely to be a keenly contested game. The Hongkong F.C. have kindly consented to place their ground at the disposal of the competing teams for the after. moon, and the fixture is sure to attract a large crowd of spectators. The Army team has been selected and has been published in these columns, but the Navy team will not be selected until after the trial match which takes place this afternoon.

The Army team calls for little comment, as most of the players are without doubt the best in their respective positions. The only selections which are open to criticism are Watts at back, and Brown at outside right, and here so far as Watts was concerned the committee could only act on reputation, and as for Brown his performances for the Sappers against Kowloon and Naval Yard certainly justified his being considered, but to put a centre forward at outside right is rather a risky experiment.

Shield, they do not seem to have lost much in he thought, they all might be proud exchange of crews. . The present team have by the odd goal to a team picked from the State of California.

The want of any ropes round the Naval Football Ground has always been a source of annoyance to players and spectators alike, and I am of the opinion that any visiting team in the coming Shield ties-will be quite justified in protesting against the encroachment of spectators.

LEADING GOAL SCORERS. Taylor, Buffs (8) ... Watts, R.G A. (8) Brewster, Buffs (8) Sullivan, Naval Yard (4) Brown, Kowloon (8) Numbers in parenthesis indicate matches

played.

REFEREE.

NAVY LEAGUE TABLE. P. W. L. D. FOR AGST PTS.

Astrea and Kent are also entered but have not yet competed.

FOOTBALL.

Scratch XIs of Buffs and King Alfred mot in a friendly match yesterday afternoon and the former had no difficult in winning by four goals to one. King Alfred had only four of their league team playing, and the Buffs combination were all new men.

CRICKET

R. A. M. C. and A. S. C. played a match yesterday afternoon and the "Medicals" won, the total scores being R. A. M. C., 95 rons, A. B. C., 47 runs.

CIVIL SERVICE "A" U. A. O. C. This match, played on the C. S. C. C. ground yesterday afternoon, resulted in a win for the home team by one run.

LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The final stage of the lawn bowls championship of the Colony has been reached. Mr. G. K. Haxton, of Kowloon Bowling Club, who defeated Mr. T. Petrie of the same club in the semi-final by 21-20, having now to meet Mr. Bell, of the Police Club, who beat Mr. Blowey, of the Civil Service Club, to decide the championship. The meeting will take place on the 15th January on the Civil Service Green, and on the same date Mr. Petrie and Mr. Blowey will play off for third or fourth prize, there being four prizes awarded. The competition has provided many surprises, and few expected that Mr. Bell would have won the place which he has.

BELILIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

EXHIBITION OF CHINESE PUPILS WORK AND CLOSE OF SCHOOL YEAR.

Yesterday morning Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education, attended at the Belilies Public School to inspect the work of the pupils on the vernacular side, and to preside at the closing ceremony. The room in which the pupils and their parents assembled bore quite an Arcadian appearance. Festoons of greenery mingled with paper chains, while the walls glistened with silver tinselled scrolls surmounted by golden Chinese characters. The stage was a mass of varicoloured chrysanthomums, and was a bright setting for the pupils who appeared thereon in their picturesque silken robes. In the course of a long and varied musical programme of Chinese songs and recitations the headmaster, Mr. Sung Hok Pang, read his annual report:

He stated that in the past year the staff had been increased by one master, one temporary mistress and one pupil teacher. The normal class, which commenced in February, did good work and took great interest in the theory and practice of teaching. The total number of pupils on the roll was 521, and the maximum attendance in the history of the school was reached in April, when 395 pupils were present. The average attendance up to December 24th was 327, as compared with 242 on the previous year. The school fees stil remained at 50 cents for old scholars but these admitted after the summer vacation were charged \$1 per month. The examination results of upper and lower classes were very good, but the middle classes were rather weak, irregular attendance being the cause The two higher classes had been taught English since June by Mrs. Tutcher. The pupils had completed 300 pieces of silk embroidery during The Army and Navy match which is due to the year, and these were on exhibition in another

Mr. Invine congratulated the girls on their excellent performance, and ouethe very fine exhibition of needlework which he had inspected. He hoped when his Excellency the Governor distributed the prizes at this school that some of those beautiful pieces of needlework would be shown him. With regard to this work, there was only one comment he wished to make: it was well known that Chinese were excellent imitators in art, and much of the exhibited needlework was a very good example in imitated art. But imitation was not altogether the highest form of art, and the person who copied was not so advanced an artist as the man who went to nature and made his own pictures from still life. This was understood in England, where children were now being taught to draw from nature from the very beginning. In another school in this Colony he had seen the same principle adopted with very considerable success, and he trusted that Mr. Sung would give the system a trial Since my notes of last week I have seen next year. He wished to congratulate Bedford play in a Naval League match, and headmaster very heartily on the progress made although none of the team are left who won the by the school, which was in a condition It was three years since he had last attended done well since they left Hongkong, only losing on such an occasion, and he noticed a very great improvement indeed. And while this improvement was very largely due to the staff, credit should be given to the girls themselves, who had shown remarkable diligence in their studies. For instance, at their own request the girls in the two top standards had been allowed to learn English this year, and he was very much struck with the progress they had made under the able tuition of Mrs. Tutcher. The experiment of allowing the top girls to learn English had been so successful and so popular that he intended to continue the system by recommending that the next two standards, the fourth and fifth, should in the ensuing year also be allowed to go for a certain part of the day to the upper school to study English. The Director of Education concluded by congratulating in the first place the school on the excellence of the work done by the headmaster and staff, in the second place the headmaster and staff on the excellence of the work done by the school.

A senior pupil then thanked the Director of Education for his attendance, the National Anthem was sung in Chinese, and those present adjourned to another room to inspect the skillful needlework of the pupils.

ROBBING MAIL BAGS.

One of the most extraordinary cases which have come before the public in Shanghai, says the Shanghai Mercury, was the subject of a oriminal trial in the German Consular Court on Thursday, when an officer of the mercantile marine was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for a series of robberies. The accused was Hermann Witzler, second officer of the steamer Meilee, and related in Court evidence showed that he had practised thisving in the most systematic manner for the last year. Dr. Ney and four Assessors heard the case.

It was shown that the accused, who was arrested on November 1st, had on three occasions opened the German mail-bags which the Meilee was carrying between Shanghai and Hankow. As second officer of the ship Witzler had charge of the mails, and on the first occasion he had opened two letters addressed to the Russo-Chinese Bank in Peking, abstracting \$580 from one of these and 3420 from the other. He had then inserted pieces of newspaper and returned them to the mail-bag. When the letters arrived at their destination the theft was discovered but until the arrest of Witzler no trace of the thief could be found. On another occasion Witzler had opened one of the mail-bags and purloined a kodak and other photographic apparatus, while a third case occurred when he stole a pair of gold sleeve-links, His method had evidently been to heat a knife, gut off the seals, and after abstracting the contents of the parcel he had affixed the sealing-wax once more. In addition to the thefts from the mail-bags three other charges were laid against why do 98 per cent. of China's four hundred Witzler. One of those was that while a millions still treat the foreigner with disrespect, Goeben he had stolen a pair of field-glasses belonging to Det. Sergt. Reeves of the the world, his province better than any of the Municipal Police. The second was the theft of a silver cigarette case from a passenger on board the Meilee, and the third was the appropriation to, his own use of a Winchester carbine and revolver which had been put in his possession whether it be in criticism or in symapathy. while on the Meishun.

After hearing the evidence the Court found Witzler guilty and passed sentences amounting in all to two years imprisonment. Witzler is at present confined in the British Gael, but will in all probabilty be sent to Germany to undergo

THE PROGRESS OF CHINA.

In the course of his report on the trade of Foochow for the year 1908, just published, Mr. observations on the remodelling of China :-"The process of remodelling through which

China is passing has, at some points, an influence on the course of trade. When Japan set her took place suddenly. It was like a conjuring of the earth in form, or the natural cause of informing the customer, though sometimes alterations were effected in the twinkling of an eye. The Tycoon left by one door and the Mikado entered by another, and Japan has been a different country over since. In China no such celerity has characterised the movement, which in China is rather that of the hour-hand than of the minute-hand of a watch. The motion there. is so nearly invisible to the senses, that it will be some years ere its general outcome is apparent. to the onlooker.

"We are accustomed to look on China as the type of a conservative country par excellence. corner of those quick almond-shaped eyes, and Some of her institutions have existed from time immemorial, and to most of us, who consider the matter at all, it seemed as if these unchanging features might continue without alteration to the and of time. Such, for instance, was her system of competitive examinations whereby admission was gained to the hierarhy of officialdom. Yet since 1900, which appears to have been a parrot-like knowledge of a dozen canons and classics. The science of the West has now to has been very considerably widened.

"One consequence is that the school-master pervades the land; be has done that, it is true, for centuries, but now he is of another type and needs much more of extensive acquirements. Schools have sprung up everywhere, at least in the fringe of land bordering the sen and the Great River which has leavened by the presence of Europeans. Here the new knowledge is inculcated and to these schools the youth of China is flocking eagerly and in their myriads. There have long been schools of Western knowledge managed by Europeans, chiefly missionaries of various sects and nationalities, but what is noteworthy in the light. present revival of learning is the number of schools established by the Government. The officials are clever enough, when establishing their schools, to make them attractive by granteducational establishments. For instance, it is proposed to establish constitutional government in China; this implies the election of representatives by the people to form a national assembly or provincial councils. It has already been decided that the franchise shall be extendno other students.

"There is a curious fact, though undoubtedly no more than a singular coincidence, in connection with the old-fashioned competitive examinations. With them disappeared the proud titles of Primus. Secundus, Tertius, and Quartus, indicating the four candidates who took the highest places in the Palace Examination. The Primus, or, as the Chinese call him, the Chuang Yuan, took an almost inconceivably high place in the public estimation, and the town which produced such a paragon acquired thereby undying fame. The coincidence I refer to is that it was almost simultaneously decided to abolish the title of Senior Wrangler at Cambridge, which corresponds as closely as possible with Chuang Yuan in China.

"Another national movement of an extraordinary nature is what rulers and people have done to demolish the national vice of opium smoking. The stimulus came from above in the form of an Imperial Edict, but it is doubtful whether even a Decree of the Emperor would have done effectual work had not the people shown they were heart and soul in the crusade, and that they were determined the mighty enterprise should succeed. It is still too early to pronounce whether China has succeeded i her endeavour or indeed to be absolutely certain that she is honest in her wish to see the last of the produce of the poppy. But there is, at least in this part of China evidence that rulers and people are sincere, for streets of opium shops have been closed and myriads of pipes and other smoking paraphernalia have been committed to

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the flames."

DOES CHINA WANT THE FOREIGNER?

IMPRESSIONS IN THE INTERIOR PROVINCES.

BY EDWIN J. DINGLE IN THE "PALL MALL GAZETTE."]

No international question of recent times has become so hackneyed in the East and West as "Does China want the foreigner?" Columns of atter rubbish have appeared before in the home Press, written by men supposed to know, to the effect that she is crying out for the foreigner, that the Chinese cannot do without him if China is to come into line with the great nations of the East and the West. Thus thought the writer, who has had several years' commercial contact with the Chinese in an adjacent colony. As a business man, I admire him more than any other Asiatic; but as one who has travelled in the country, living among them, seeing them under all their natural conditions, I say unhesitatingly, that at the present time only an infinitesimal percentage of the vast population of the interior entertain even respect for the white man. In centres where Western trade and influence have done much to break down the old-time hatred towards us, the real unveneered attitude of the ordinary Chinese is not one calculated to broaden between the East and the West the brotherhood of man. These who know least will smile, but it is true. Difficult is it for the average man in Fleetstreet to grasp the fact that in huge tracts of China the people have never seen a foreigner, save the ubiquitous missionary, who, in most cases, takes on the dress of the antive.

But why are we not liked and not wanted

N.D.L. stenmer if not with contempt? eighteen, and the village in which he lives the most enviable spot in the province—the centre of his universe. Speak disparagingly about that tiny spot, and he is up in arms at once, regards all men who have never tasted the true bliss of a home in the Celestial Empire us a barbarian. Part of this general feeling patriotism, part is conceit. Englishmen are saying that England is the most Christian country in the world for the very same reason.

Nationally speaking, the Chinaman is the oldest man in the world by very many centuries. In common with all other travellers in this Flowery Land and others who have made his nature a serious study, far away from civilising influences, I am involved in perplexities, and, to me, insoluble conundrums; a portion of them Consul Playfair makes the following interesting | superficial maybe, disappearing with a truer understanding and a closer insight, others

wrought into the very fibre of the man. Yet he has a certain fixedness of character, reaching in certain directions almost to crystalhouse in order 40 years ago the transformation ligation. He has never discovered the nature trick; the magician waved his wand and the eclipses; he is frightened by ghosts, burns a label will be found on the goods when demock money to maintain his ancestors in a livered indicating the foreign origin. The future state, worships a bit of rusty old. iron as an infallible remedy of drought, and colonies on British goods has distinctly enshoots at the clouds to drive away the rain in couraged this trade, and many tone of goods time of flood-and I depise him for it. The made on the Continent have been sent to the Chinaman will not fight, and I despise him; he Colonies under the preferential Customs duty. abhors me because I do. I ridicule his manner These practices have at times given rise to of dress; he regards mine as indecent. I consider his flat nose and pigtail and shaven skull a gross deformity; but the Chinaman, eating with those long thin chopsticks, looks out of the considers me still a foreign devil, although he is too cunning to say so. - His opinion is founded on the narrow grounds of egotism and vanity: mine, although I will not admit it, and perhaps do not know it, form something very much akin

I have been looked upon in far-away outposts of the Chinese Empire as an example of one of few hands are employed. Sometimes the bulk the turning point of China's existence as a nation, those human monstresities from the West, a of the business done by firms of this class is in she has abandoned, not the system itself, but creature of a very low order of humanity, with merchandise imported from the parent houses the curriculum of study on which it was based. a face and form incomparably ugly, with dress on the Continent in a finished or almost finished No longer can candidates satisfy examiners by uncouth, with language a hopeless jargon, and condition. The foreign goods, which may be manners rude and offensive. All this seems to, of all classes, such as machinery, hardware, convey what may be termed the current watches, textiles, leatherware, or funcy goods, be included in their purview and their horizon | ideas of the people of the interior regarding, us are sent to these factories, or sometimes only to a Europeans.

It may be, and I trust is, all erroneous, But I know that I must keep in mind the all-important desideratum in dealing with the Chinese that he looks at me-my person, my manners, my customs, my theories, my things-through his own eyes, and, although often mistaken and misled, arrives at his own conclusion. This is what he has been doing for centuries, and he comes of a stock the original though perhaps not a quarter of the goods sold of which takes on no change whatever. Several generations must pass before this transfer of mental vision can be effected, when the Chinese will view all things and people in their true

the dangerous situation of the nation; vis-à-vis trouble, and the reputation of British goods with the nations of Europe, and is ratifying one suffered in consequence. treaty after another with these dreaded peoples, ing them certain privileges denied to outside but the nation itself does not apparently appreciate the fact that she cannot possibly resist the white man and hold herself in seclusion, as dealing with deceptions of this kind, but they formerly, from the Western world. China is discovering, as Japan did in her great awakening, that steam and machinery and airships are entry of goods falsely marked, but they rendering the world too small for any part thereed to the pupils of Government schools, but to of to hold itself entirely aloof from the broaden- marks are removed, though the importer not

ing current of the world's life. China is now endeavouring to walk the ground hours after the goods have been cleared. which led Japan to greatness among the nations | Presecution can be made under the Merchandise of the earth, and, thinking what Japan has done she can do, is plunging into the stream of be taken by private individuals or trade associainternational progress, determined to acquire all the knowledge of the world and with that by answers to interrogations in the House of knowledge win for herself a place among the Powers. We shall see abourd usages disregarded-we see this now in the more foreignised parts of the Empire-and wisdom and ability will be sought after in all quarters of the world composed largely of Hayana leaf in boxes for the purpose of establishing the Imperial commutation. Gradually, but very surely, these been on the market for some years and sold principles will become the established method of the people-even in such remote corners of the

written (Tongchuan-fu, Yunnan). is desired in China, or that fear of me, the | dealing with Havana cigars, Irish goods, or Scotch foreigner, has ceased. On the contrary, it | tweeds, there is no association sufficiently free signifies that I am more greatly to be feared, from outside influence to undertake the general the Chinese, to foreignise as much, as he can, a coal exporter, which ended in Edinburgh on administration to the best standards of the certificate. Briefly, an order for 500 tons of

understood that the main purpose for which country or abroad.

Governments were made was to foster commerce and money-making. China believes that whilst foreigners talk much and advise generously about her development, they only desire such development along such lines as will place her hopeleasly in their power, and make her more profitable to them. And is this the reason? make no assertion, I ask the question. She is looking only with her old Chinese eyes, which were looking out on a civilised world long before our Christian era dawned; and she, perhaps, is wrong.

Until she is convinced that her view is a negative one, she will not open her arms to greet us, or open her country for us to trade in

> THE FALSE-MARKING OF GOODS.

DISCUSSED BY BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

A correspondent writing to the London

The false-marking of goods has become so serious a matter that several British Chambers of Commerce have discussed the subject at their meetings. The Chamber in Paris recently pointed out that large quantities of goods were being sold in France marked with the names of towns such as London, Corentry, or Sheffield, though they were actually of Continental origin, and a deputation has recently had an opportunity of laying the matter before the French Minister of Commerce, M. Chapsal, Apart from the trade in these goods in foreign countries there is undoubtedly a large trade in colourable imitations of British goods carried on with the Colonies through home To the Chinaman his country is the best in ports and also direct with the Continent, as was shown in the discussion at the final meeting of the Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire held at Sydney last month. A resolution was then carried pointing out that a large trade was proved to exist in foreign goods deliberately marked with British names and phrases of a nature to lead to the false supposition of British origin, and calling on all Colonial Governments to prohibit the importation of goods of this character; and also upon the British Government to introduce clauses to deal with this question in any future treaties with foreign countries, It must be admitted that if the evil exists on

the Continent, instances of misrepresentation

are not entirely unknown in this country. for, unfortunately, it seems to be a fact that some merchants are quite willing to ship foreign goods where British products are inferred but not definitely asked for, and are quite indignant when their methods are questioned. Some manufacturers, who have received an order presumably with the idea that the work will be carried out at their own factory, place the work abroad without first granting of a proferential tariff by certain indignation among merchants in Colonia ports, as not morely is the local revenue defrauded, but the straightforward importer of Continental goods, who makes no secret of what he is selling, loses orders to rival concerns selling similar goods to his own as British products. 'In a number of cases foreign firms, trading under British-sounding names, have established factories in the United Kingdom, where same proportion of the goods sold are manufactured, or a small repair shop is conveniently called "the factory," where only warehouse at the docks, and then labelled, packed, painted, or finished and sold in this country or shipped to the Colonies as British products, or the fact of their foreign origin is kept conveniently in the background. It is no uncommon practice for firms of this class to state the location of their works in this country in a prominent position on all advertisements, lists, catalogues and business stationery, are actually made here, and it has happened that a Colonial Government has placed an order with a firm of this class under the impression that British machinery was being supplied after refusing direct offers from the Continent The Chinese Government certainly recognises Inferior foreign plant was shipped, which gave THE MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT.

There are under the existing laws powers for are only too rarely put into force. The Customs authorities have power to prohibit the generally satisfied if the offending labels or Marks Act, but action must almost invariably tions. The Government has shown repeatedly Commons the difficulty of dealing with the evil. Two recent examples of successful actions are interesting. In one case a firm was prosecuted and heavily fined for selling British-made cigars printed with Spanish words, cigars that had apparently without fraudulent intent, and in the has fallen generally; particularly over China and other case stall-holders at the White City exhibi. Japan. Empire as that from which this article is tion were fined for selling foreign-made goods as Irish manufactures. It seems strange that North of Japan, and probably a second depression But all this does not mean that my presence | while there are trade protection associations for and that what was a distant possibility has be- protection of British trade and prosecute fraucome a dreadfully near probability-China for | dulent importers, manufacturers, and shippers. the Chinese must be maintained, if China is to Another example of laxity in applying trade govern herself. The European is not wanted descriptions has appeared in the private prosein China for any other purpose than to teach cutions by Messra. J. and P. Coats (Limited) of teaching the leaders of the people to modify Tuesday in the technical conviction of the national life, and so raise public conduct and defendant for issuing an incorrect colliery West. And when China is copable of looking | certain coal was given, but own, to the diffiafter herself, she may, if she will, turn the culty of obtaining the coal only 70 tons of the description ordered was actually shipped, the The Chinese are learning a lot about the remainder consisting of coal, though of equally foreigner, but it is an unwelcome study. good quality, drawn from other districts, not-They have learned the aggressive force and withstanding the fact that the coal shipped was persistent determination of Western Govern- certified as the particular variety ordered. Such ments, and think they have learned that the presecutions clear the air, and by putting underlying motive of all Western anxieties is consumers on their guard must ensure greater more greed and gain. The entire Western attention being paid to the question of trade atmosphere is repugnant to the great prepon- descriptions and discourage reprehensible trade derance of the Chinese, for they have never methods, whether brought to light in this

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THE DEPRESSION IN JAPAN

The depression now prevailing in Japanese business circles is a frequent topic of conversation and of newspaper comment. But is there much room for doubt as to the principal cause ? Twenty or thirty years ago, when large sums were beginning to be spent on railway building, and especially ten years ago, when those sums had come to total hundreds of millions of yen. shreyd onlookers-did-not hesitate to predict that Japan, since scarcity of funds was her chief obstacle on the road to really great development, would severely feel, one day or other, the inconvenience of fixing such large amounts of her seauty capital. Other countries had felt it. Even the United States of America, that land of now colessal opulence, had her bad quarter of an hour whereshe carried this fixing process too far before the money market of the world opened its hunds to her. Still, the railways were always an asset, liquidable one day or another. It was plainly foreseen that so soon as Japan's hesitation to borrow abroad had been dispelled by the revision of her foreign relations, and so soon as fate had provided for her an opportunity to win a place among the great nations, she would enter the markets of the West, renew her stock of floating capital. and travel forward with fresh vigour along the road to signal development. But all that forecast has been completely falsified. Not because the markets are not there, ready to be tapped, nor yet because the country does not ery out for development. But because the asset has ceased to be available in its old form. The railways have been nationalized, and thus effectually removed beyond the sphere of private enterprise. Can there be a moment's doubt that, had the railways continued to be a field for private investment, scores of miles would have been added to the system within the past five years, funds being obtained from foreign sources? How different is the actual situation! Never since the Nippon Railway Company was formed in 1881 has there been such a suspension of railway construction as the past five years have witnessed. And of necessity the indirect consequences of this virtual cessation of public works are a state of general depression. Millions are no longer poured into the labour market; new districts are no longer opened; the value of rural lands does not infrequently replaces them with others a few appreciate; and all the bustle and excitement of productive enterprise are checked. There were good reasons for nationalization. We are not denying that. But that the collateral effects are largely responsible for the present state of stagnation and depression seems to us unquestionable.-Japan Mail.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report: -On the 29th at 12.10 p.m.—The barometer

A depression is moving Eastward to the is developing over the Yangtzo valley.

The high pressure area is now shown over the Pacific to the S.E. of Japan. Light variable winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and moderate monsoon over

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch as.

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Acting British-Consul, Tamsui. Tamsui, 22nd December, 1909.

NOTICE.

OTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the Undersigned A. W. PURNELL. and C. S. PAGET, carrying on the Business of Architects and Civil Engineers at Canton in the Empire of China under the Style or Firm of PURNELL and PAGET, will on the 31st-(thirtyfirst) day of December, 1909 (one thousand nine hundred and nine), be Dissolved by mutual | onla consent. All debts due to or owing by the late other Firm will be received and paid by the than in Undersigned C. S. PAGET, by whom the Cash. Business will in future be carried on. Dated this 28th day of December, 1909.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD. General Managers. Hongkong, 29th December, 1909."

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

I E amtlichen Veröffentlichungen des Konsulats Pakhoi-Hoihow werden im Jahr 1910 durch den "OSTASIATISCHEN LLOYD"

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> That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered

. I. By inserting therein immediately after paragraph 4 of Clause VIII. a new paragraph as follows :--

Whenever the Capital of the Company is divided into several Classes of Shares all or any of the rights and privileges attached to any Class may be modified altered sub-divided re-arranged or dealt with by Special Resolution of the Company passed pursuant to an Agreement in writing made between the Company and some member of the Class purporting to contract on behalf of the members of the Class provided such agreement shall before the Special Resolution is passed be ratified by Extraordinary Resolution passed at a separate Meeting of the Class or by writing under the hand of the holders of at-least two-thirds of the Shares of the Class and it shall be no objection such Agreement that it provides for a reduction of Capital otherwise than in accordance with the legal rights of the holders of shares of the Class or for the payment of a dividend or bonus otherwise than in accordance with the rights of the Holders of the shares of the Class or for the allotment of shares credited as fully or partly paid up in satisfaction or part satisfaction of such dividend or bonus and for the purposes of this Clause a Resolution shall be an Extraordinary Resolution when it has been passed by a majority or not less than two-thirds of such members of the Class entitled to vote as are present in person or by proxy at a separate General Meeting of the Class of which Notice specifying the intention to propose the Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution lias been duly given and so that the quorum of any such Meeting shall be three members at least of the Class and so that the Meeting shall be called in accordance with the provisions hereof.

2. By inserting immediately after paragraph 7 of Clause XVI. a new paragraph as follows :-

8 Any General Meeting declaring a Dividend may direct payment of such Dividend wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets and in particular of paid up shares Debentures or Debenture stock of the Company or of any other Company or in any one or more of such ways and the General Managers shall give effect to such direction and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution they may settle the same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional Certificates and may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any members upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties and may vest any such Managers may appoint any person to Washington, U.S.A. sign such contract on behalf of the persons entitled to the Dividend and such appointment shall be effective.

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 30th day of December, 1909. By Order,

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NOTICE.

MONDAY. Hongkong, 20th December, 1909. [1552 FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN Terms of GOVERNMENT NOTIFIC CATION No. 804 of 17th December, 1909 all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on the following days:-SATURDAY, the 1st January.

MONDAY, the 3rd By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909. [1554 MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

OF HONGKONG.

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T. H. KING. Hon. Secretary, H.K.H.C. Hongkong, 28th December, 1909.

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AUCTIONS

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> BRITISH LEAD IN DREADNOUGHTS. In contrast with the half-truth, the whole

truth is this:

for Germany.

Germany only four, the latter country has black. under construction only one less than we have until April next. It is not, however, the ships | cial year her naval expenditure, apart from building, but the ships built, that govern rola- the outlay on the Kiel Canal of about a tive naval power—in other words, it is the million sterling, will amount to nearly period of construction on which all calculations £22,000,000, and she will lay down four more of future naval strength must be based. We large armoured ships, two second-class craisers, build our largest battleships in two years—that | twelve torpede-boat destroyers, and about a is the contract time-and, therefore, we always dozen submarines. She is making a bold bid have fewer ships under construction than for commanding naval power. On the other Germany, which takes near and about three side of the Atlantic, no less than in the United years to complete a similar man-of-war. The Kingdom, there is no doubt as to her rapid British Vanguard, which on her trials has abown herself the swiftest battleship in the world, with a speed of 22.4 knots, was not laid down by Messrs. Vickers, Sons, and Maxim until April 2, 1908, and long before that date the United States, instead of vis-à-vis to Franco next year she will be flying the pennant. All and Russia, as in the past. She can maintain the Admiralty contracts are being made under her standing, however, only by further deterthis time-limit-completion in two years. This | mined effort in the coming year, when the keels swiftness of construction is the fundamental of thirty more vessels for the German fleet wil factor in attempting to estimate the British go down, in accordance with the immutable naval position next year, the year after, Naval Act. and in 1912. As the Navy Department of the United States observes, in issning its latest statistics of warships building for the great fleets of the world: "In making comparisons of naval strength, and particularly of On this point there is some confusion, and the
naval increase, the fact should be taken into official figures from Washington are particularly consideration that the rapidity of construction | welcome, as showing that, in personnel, as in varies materially in different countries. In ships, the British Navy is still-as it should be, England, Germany, and Japan, battleships and must remain-above a two-Power standard. and armoured craisers are completed in two to The figures are singularly complete. three years; in the United States in three years; and in France, Italy, and Russia, not less than four years are required."

STRENGTH OF THE FLEETS In these naval statistics, issued by the Navy Department, we have figures which are free from suspicion. They reveal the whole truth, boldly and without prevarication. They are based, not on guesswork, but on the most pains-taking investigation made by the American naval attaches in all parts of the world, and give the situation as it actually existed on Nov. 1. Attention has already been directed to the position in the largest armoured ships of England and Germany; we have twenty built or building, and Germany has thirteen. To complete this aspect of the inquiry it may be added that the United States has two completed and six building, France has six building, Japan one completed and three building, and Russia and Italy four authorised or on the stocks and likely to remain there for many months. Thus, in Dreadnoughts and Indomitables we have twenty built and building to twenty one for the United States and Germany, which both take longer for construction than we do, But the fighting power of a fleet does not depend entirely or mainly, on Dreadnoughts, which just now somewhat unduly fill the public eye. The Dreadnought was not the first battleship built,

are as follows: England Germany ... United States ... 25 France ... 17

but merely embodied a new design. What is

the standing of the fleets in other battleships,

in armoured cruisers, in protected cruisers, and

torpedo craft? The official American figures

Germany has also eight small spast defence ships, the United States six, France ten, Japan three, Russia four, and Austria six, but they are all old and of little or no account. Most of the French torpedo-boats are of little

war value. The Navy Department appends a footnote to these figures which adds to their significance: The following vessels are not included in the tables: Those over twenty years old unless they have been reconstructed and rearmed since 1900; transports, colliers,

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A CONTRAST OF TONNAGE. Bearing in mind the British preponderance in Dreadnoughts, completed and completing, over any two Powers, the figures are not unsatisfactory. They show very clearly that in battleships, armoured cruisers, protected cruisers, and destroyers the British Navy is above the Two-Power Standard. Including Dreadneughts we have now under the pennant fifty-six armoured vessels fit to be in the line, as compared with fifty-three belonging to Germany and the United States, and forty-three possessed by Germany and France—and the British ships are larger, swifter, and more powerful. The superiority of the British vessels is suggested-possibly somewhat emggerated—by the aggregate tonnage of the battleships and battleship cruisors of the several fleets, including those building, but excluding those anthorised and not technically building, thus failing to take into account the four "contingent British ships, two American two German, and three Italian battleships, which have not actually been laid down :-

United States...27 ... 366,146 ... 4 ... 5 ... 62,600 ... 8 ... 150,600 Austria ... 3 ... 31,800 ... 3 ... 43,500

The figures are interesting and misleading. They represent the tonnage of all the qualities, incorporated in these vessels, and this tends to exaggerate the British preponderance. British battleships carry large reserves of coal and ammunition, and as a rule are swifter than England has launched and completed for foreign ships, and speed means more boilers sea seven all-big-gun ships, and the Lord and heavier engines. Under all circumstances Nelson and Agamemnon, of 16,500 tons, half- these qualities would not necessarily be transsisters to the Dreadnoughts, while Germany latable into fighting power. In a battle off the has completed only two battleships of over Thames, for instance, the British ships might gain no advantage from their large radius of England has, in addition, launched, and is action, fire-endurance, or speed, and yet these now completing, five more Dreadnought represent some of the weight shown in the ships, three of which will join the Fleet before above statistics. These factors in naval design the end of the financial year; Germany has are essential, because England is a world Power actually launched six corresponding ships, of and may have to send her main Fleet far away. which two will join the High Sea Fleet in in search of the enemy. Consequently figures the early summer. of aggregate tonnage, like those of ships build-England has also under construction, or on ing, to which reference has already been made, the eve of building, eight armomed vessels, need to be employed with extreme caution, while Germany has five, either on the stocks lowing to their tendency to mislead. But, or about to be put on the stocks, of which one | making due allowance for this weakness in such will be launched before the end of the year. | a statistical method; the comparison shows at At present England has twenty Dread- least that Britannia still holds the trident, and nought ships, built or building, to thirteen holds it firmly, and that when the four contingent battleships are laid down-active pre-It may be very properly observed that even parations are already well advanced—the imon this showing, while we have ten Dread- mediate outlook will not be unfavourable, noughts complete or nearly complete, and though the more distant outlook is extremely

The progress of Germany is not a thing -and four of our ships will not be commenced which can be ignored. In the opening finan-

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808	408	. 147	208	313
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Doctors	513	385	260	296
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Chaplains	129		-	. 23
Warrantofficers	2,105	1,810	2,308	606
Men	99,300	49,312	47,467	43,490
Marine officers	457		104	334
Marines, &c	20,991	(a) —	1,415	9,112
Total	128 522	54.174	54.067	55.548

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(a) Includes 3,267 men of Coastguard. The British Fleet still holds its own in officers and men, though the proportion of senior officers is much lower than in France, while Germany possesses a larger percentage of junior "line officers," which is, no doubt, due to the fact that the numbers voted each year still continue to increase. With the renewed expansion of the British Fleet, there will now necessarily be considerable additions to the list of officers, and a larger number of men will have to be recruited. But the figures show that in comparison with foreign fleets, the position is at present consolatory; in officers and men we are better provided than any two-Powers, as is essential in view of our widely flung squadrons in contrast with the almost complete concentration in their home waters of Germany and other Powers.



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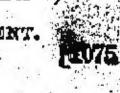
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Dec.—Shanghai 26th December, General—
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BRAEMAR, British str., 2,314, Saxby, 29th Dec.
—Foochow 27th Dec., General—Dodwell

DAIGI MARU, Japanese str., 864, H. Murayama, 29th Dec.—Swatow 28th Dec., Tea and General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha. FAUSANG, British str., 1,410, H. S. Malkin, 29th Dec.—Probolingo 19th Dec., Sugar—

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—Shanghai 26th Dec., General—HamburgAmerika Linie.

Tingbang, British str., 28th Dec.—Canton.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

29th December.

Anhui, British str., for Canton.

Antilochus, British str., for Kobe.

Benlarig, British str., for Nagasaki.

Haitan, British str., for Swatow.

Merapi, Dutch str., for Amoy.

Pingsuey, Brit. str., for Shanghai.

Shinshu Maru. Jap. str., for Moji.

Tingsang, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

29th December.

Densighshire, British etc., for Singapore.

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Frithjof, Norwegian str., for Haiphong.

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Haimun, British str., for Swatow.

J. Diederichsen, Ger. str., for Hoihow.

Kiang Ping, Chinese str., for Chinkiang.

Kwongsang, British str., for Canton:

M. Jersen, German str., for Haiphong.

Takasaki Maru, Japanese str., for Singapore.

Tjimahi, Dutch str., for Batavis.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British str. Nanshan reports: Strong N.E. monsoon and sea.
The British str. Anhai reports: Light monsoon and line weather.
The British str. Kumsang reports: Strong N.E. monsoon with heavy seas.
The British str. Lacries reports: Strong monsoon and high sea off the Port, moderate monsoon and sea.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

December 29th.

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Lebaudy, Heungshan, Lisin Kong, Ascania.

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VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

Dec. 1, British 4m. bq. Eclipse, White, from Hongkong for New York.

Dec. 4, British str. Islander, Deans, Dec. 2, from Christmas Island for Singapore.

Dec. 6, Dutch str. Celebes, Koops, from Amsterdam for Batavia.

pec. 8, British bq. Umvoti, Hay, from Singapere for Mauritius.

Dec. 9, Norw. ship, Patriarch, Yohanesen, from Port Nutal for Aujer f.o. o.f. Samarang.

Dec. 9, Dutch str. Ophir, de Boer, Dec. 9, from Batavia for Rotterdam.

from Batavia for Rotterdam.

Dec. 10, British str. Franklyn, Ooc. 12, from Philadelphia for Yokohama.

Dec. 11, Dutch str. Kathi, Poon, Nov. 6, from Rotterdam for Batavia.

Dec. 11, Dutch str. Van Heemskerk, Arnold, from Europe for Batavia.

Dec. 12, Dutch str. Tantalus, Kondenburg, Nov. 6, from Liverpool for Batavia.

Dec. 12, Dutch str. Van der Hagen, from Europe for Batavia.

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SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 5. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

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ŀ	LONDON, &c., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALE LONDON, ROTTERDAM & AMSTERDAM		Brit. str.		G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 8th Jan at Noon
1	LONDON & ANTWERP.	DENBIGHERIER	Brit. str.		W. Barrett	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld	Quick despatch.
i.	ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c	BRISGAVIA	Ger str.	-	Conwing Dammer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 5th Jan.
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- 1	MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL				Bros	MESSAGERIES MARTTIMES	On 4th Jan., at 1 P.M.
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1	MARSEILLES & HAMBURG, VIA STRAITS, &C	BRAEMAR		K. W.	Eluor e 140 404	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th Febr.
1	NEW YORK	WRAY CASTTE		10. 1 10. 1		DODWELL & Co., Ltd	On 4th Jan.
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_	-VANCOUVER, B.C., TACOMA & SEATLLE VIA JAPAN	EMPRESS OF JAPAN			J. Boyd	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co	On 1st Jan, at 7 A.M. On 13th Jan.
	VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c	MONTEAGLE	Brit, str	1 m.	** *** *** *** *** ***	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co	On 15th Feb., at Noon
	VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE, &c	NIKKO MARU			M. Vaoi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th Jan.
	TACOMA-VIA JAPAN				T. Saito	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 19th Jan. at Noon.
	CALLAO, IQUIQUE, &c., VIA JAPAN PORTS, &c	KIYO MARU			D Long	TOYO KIEBN KAISHA	On 26th Feb., at Noon.
,	AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	PRINZ SIGISMUND	1		D. Lenz G. W. Eidy	MELCHERS & Co	To morrow, at Daylight On 8th Jan., at 4 P.M.
3	AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str		T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st Jan., at Noon.
	AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	COBLENZ		I	M. Yagi	MELCHEES & Co	On 17th Feb., at Noon.
	KOBE & YOKOHAMA	INABA MARU			R. Takeda	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th Jan., at Dlight
	NAGABAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ATSUTA MARU			Wm. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th Jan. at Noon.
	NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOAHMA	NIEKO MARU	Dut. str.		Zwart	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th Jan, at Noon.
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	SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NERA	Brit. str.	(Tab)	C. J. Benton, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co. MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	About 1st Jan.
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	SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW				Y. Fuseno	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 6th Jan., at D'light
	SHANGHAI	DEVANHA			H. Powell	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 7th Jan.
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		Ruhr	Brit. str	~	R. W. Almonn	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co	To morrow, at 5 P.M.
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1		TEAN LOONGSANG	Brit. str	l m.	A. W. Outerbridge S. J. Payne		On 4th Jan., at 3 P.M. On 7th Jan., at 4 P.M.
	MANILA	ZAPIRO	Brit. str		R. Rodger	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO	On 8th Jan., at Noon.
1	MANILA	TAMING	Brit. str Brit. str	1 m.	Pennefather	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 11th Jan., at 3 F.M.
	BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	TOBA MARU	Jap. str		Y. Nomura	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 11th Jan.
I.	SINGAPORE, PENANG & CACUTTA,	NAMBANG	Brit, str	- ,,,,,,,,	M. B. Lake	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD	To-morrow, at Noon.
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	MANILA		
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	† SINGAPORE PENANG	L CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Friday.	31st Dec., No	oon.
	* MANILA		'YUENSANG"	Friday,	31st Dec., 4:	P.M.
	+ WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO					
	† SHANGHAI	***********	KWONGSAN	G" Sunday	2nd Jan . D'	light
	+ SHANGHAI		"YATSHING"	Sunday.	2nd Jan., D'	light
1	*SINGAPORE, PENANG	& CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Wed'day.	5th Jan., No	00n.
	I SANDAKAN		"MAUSANG"	Wed'day.	5th Jan. No	oon.
	* MANILA		"LOONGSANG	Friday.	7th Jan. 4	P.M.
-	*SH'HAI, YOKOHAMA, I	Kobe & Moji	"FOOKSANG	" Friday.	21st Jan., N	oon.
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WED'DAY, 5th Jan.,

WED'DAY, 19th Jan.,

at Daylight.

WED'DAY, 2nd Feb., at Daylight.

WED'DAY, 19th Jan

SATURDAY, 29th

FRIDAY, 21st Jan.,

THURSDAY, 17th

Febr., at Noon.

SATURDAY, 8th

TUESDAY, 11th

January.

7 FRIDAY, 14th

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Jan , at Daylight,

Jan., at Noon.

at Noon.

TUESDAY, 4th

January.

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SAID	AKI MARU
	Capt. K. Sato

VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (INABA MARU leaving) AWA MARU Hongkong 8th Jan., due Kobe Capt, A. Keith, 13th Jan., connects) ...

VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (NIKKO MARU leaving Hongkong 19th Jan., due Kobe Capt. K. Homma, 25th & Yokohama 27th Jan.,

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Capt. T. Sekine, NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi, SHANGHAI, MOJI and I TOTOMI MARU

Capt. R. Smith, INABA MARU KOBE and YOKOHAMA ... {

Capt. R. Takeda, TOSA MARU BOMBAY via SINGAPORE

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	TAMSUI VIA SWATOW,	"DAIGI MARU" Capt. M. MURAYAMA	SUNDAY, 2nd Jan., at 10 A.M.	
	ANPING VIA SWATOW, A AMOY	"SOSHU MARU" Capt. K. Sugr	WED'DAY, 5th Jan.	
	SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	"BUJUN MARU" Capt. Y. FUSENO	THURSDAY, 6th Jan. at Daylight.	
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HONGKONG METEOBOLOGICAL. register. Hongkong Observatory, December 29th Previous Day On Date at On Date at 4 p.m. at 4 p.m. Barometer 30,22 30.11 Temperature ... Humidity Wind Direction Force ...

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Highest open air Temperature on 28th.....68 Lowast open air Temperature on 28th 60

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There-will be one delivery and one collection of letters as on Sunday, and the Money Order Office will be entirely closed on the above dates.

Postal Guides for the Year 1910, are now on sale

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The Siberian mail will in future be sent from Shanghai to Dalny via Chefoe if no steamer is available from Shanghai to Dalny direct.

The Derflinger with the German Mail of the 1st inst., left Singapore on Saturday, the 25th instant, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here to-day. The Neva, with the French mail of the 3rd December, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 28th inst., at 6 a.m. and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 4th Jan., at a.m. packet brings replied to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 30th October.

FOR	PER	DATE.
uang Chow Wan	Hoiching	Thursday, 30th, 9.00 A M
watow. Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Thursday, 30th, 9.00 A M
Cobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Facoma, Vancou-	Antilochus	Thursday, 30th, 11.00 A M
ver and Seattle	Merapi	Thursday, 30th, 11.00 A M
Linoy	Palawan	Thursday, 30th, 11.00 A M
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Rabaul, Herbertahohe, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New	Print Sigismund	Thursday, 30th, 5.00 P M
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Zenland, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide,		
Perth and Fremantle	Mathilde	Friday, 31st, 9.00 A M
Pakhoi		
Quang Chow Wan, Hoihow, Pakhoi and	Hanoi	
Haiphong	Namsang	Friday, 31st, 10.00 A M
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta		Friday. 31st.
		Printed Matter and Sam-
		nles 10.00 A M
		Registration 10.00 A M
		(Registration, with late
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA,	Manchuria	fee of 10 cents, up to
HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCH		10.45 A M)
		Registration, Kowloon
		B.O 10.00 A M
	E 100	No late fee.
	100	Letters11.00 A B
	Sui Tai	Friday, 31st, 1.15 P h
Mucao	Braemar	Friday. 31st, 2.00 P a
Singapore	Wasaii agama	Friday, 31st, 3.00 P b
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P.M.—Auction of the late Gunboat "Rio	CHOSING COOTATIONS.
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M. Baudmann No. 1 Comedy Co. at Theatre	ON LONDON:-
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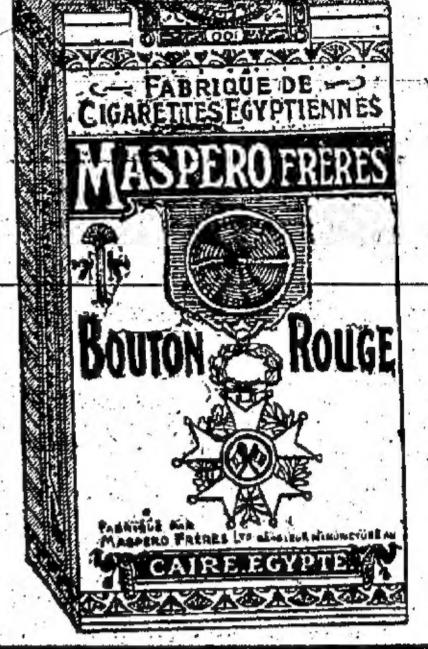
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M	Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125 £7	£6	\$65, buyers
9.	National Bank of China, Limited	99,925 8,604	12/6	12/6	\$10, buyers
M	Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	60,000	312	812	\$121, sellers
Ж	China Borneo Company, Limited	50,000 50,000	\$10 \$1	\$10 \$1	\$6, buyers
	China Light and Power Company, Linavelle China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ld	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$9.50, sellers
m- M	Correct MILLS	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 135.
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to	International Cotton Manual Ing Co., Ld	10,000 8,000	Tls. 75 Tls. 100	Tls. 75	Tls. 110
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, M	Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$71	\$6	
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.,	Honokong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000 60,000	£10 \$10	all 810	\$210, buyers \$20, sellers
	Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	12,000	\$50 }	\$50	\$77½, buyers \$45, buyers
	Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25 all	\$180, sellers
	Hongkong Ice Company, Limited Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$23, sellers
. 1:	TWOTTPANCES	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$145.
	Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000 24,000	\$100	\$20 \$25	\$118, sellers \$92, buyers
	China Traders Insurance Co., Limited Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	350 £5	\$370, sellers
	North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000 12,400	£15 8250	\$100	8890.
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•	LANDS AND BUILDINGS.— Hongkong Land Invest, Agency Co., Ld.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$102. sales
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14	Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ld Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tie. 50	Tla. 50 \$50	Tis. 120.
	West Point Building Co., Limited	12,000		4	
	Société Française des Charb'ges du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all 18/10	\$625, buyers \$63, sellers
	Raub Australian Gold MiningCo., Ld.,	200,000	£1'	all 5	\$135, sellers
. 3	Peak Tramways Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$1 t	\$1.30, sellers
	Philippine Co., Limited	75,000	\$10		
	China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100 \$100	all	\$157, buyers \$21, sellers
	Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000 4,000		650	
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7	China and Manila Steamship Co., Ld	30,000 20,000		\$25 all	\$30.
j.	Douglas Steamship Co., Limited Hongkong, Canton & Macoo S.B. Co., Ld.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$32, buyers 422, b.) L'don
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	South China Morning Post, Limited Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$25	\$5	
•	STORES AND DISPENSABIRS.	1,200		all	\$10.
	Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	-\$7	\$7	23, sellers 25, sellers
	Watkins, Limited A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	871, sellers \$10, buyers
	Weissmann, Limited	3,000 9,900 ordy,	\$10 \$10	\$10	312, sellers
	United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited,	100 fders 50,000	\$10	\$10	¥300.
	Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	- -	1	
	RUBBERS.— Balgownies	· -	-	1 =	\$80 (Sts.) \$22
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VERNON & SMYTH, Share-Brokers:

THE GRENAN MAIL. The L.G.M. str. Derfilinger, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 1st inst., left Singapore on the 24th inst., at p.m., and may be expected here to day a.m.

THE INDIAN MAIL. left Singapore on the 28th instant afternoon, and may be expected here on or about the 3rd

THE-PRENCH MAIL. The M.M. str. Néra with the French Mail of the 5th inst., and mails from London of the 4th inst., left Singapore via Saigon on the 28th inst., at 6 a.m., and is expected to arrive here on or about the 4th prox, and will probably leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL The I.G.M. str. Coblens left Sydney on Thursday, the 16th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 7th prox. THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. Empress of China left Vancouver for Hongkong on the 18th instant a.m., via the usual ports of call. THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. Asia left Yokohama on the 27th instant, and is scheduled to arrive at this port on the 5th prox.

MERCHANT STRANGES. The Dodwell's New York Line str. Wray Castle left Karatsu on the 25th inst., and may be expected to arrive in Hongkong to-day. The P. & O. str. Sumatra left Singapore for this port on the 25th inst., at 3 p.m., and is due here to morrow, at about 4 p.m.

The str. Knight of Thistle left Tacoms on the 18th instant for Yokohama, Kobe, Moji, Hongkong and Manila.
The Bank Line str. Oceano left Vancouver

on the 21st inst. for Hongkong via Japan ports.
The N.Y.K. str. Totomi Maru (Bombay Line) left Singapore on the 25th inst., and is expected here on the 3rd prox. The N.Y.K. str. Tango Maru (European

Line) left Moji on the 27th instant, and is expected here on the 3rd prox.

The H.-A. Linie str. Brasilia left Bangkok on the 28th inst. a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 4th prox.

The Danish str. Indien left Port Said on the 20th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 17th prox. The Eng Hok Fong S.S. Co.'s str. Persia sailed for Hongkong, via Mazatlan and Gusymas on the 21st inst, and is due here on or

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

about the 24th prox.

Dec. 1st-Brasilia, Albenga, Glenearn, 4th-Tranquebar, Vorwaerts, St. George, Sumatra. 8th-Derflinger, Benvorlich, Carnarvonshire, Liberia, Priam. 11th-Indrasamha. 15th-Kaisow. 18th-Atsuta Maru, Coulsdon, Hyson, Oopack, Pera. 22nd-Bencleugh, Bloemfontein, Nyanza, Pathan, P. E. Friedrich, Segovia. 24th-Astyanax, Belgravia, Kintuck, Hitachi Maru, Kleist, Touranc, Wakasa Maru. 29th-Calchas, Carmarthenshire, Ghazee, Lennoz.

ARRIVALS AT HOME. Dec. 28th Austria, Dardanus.

> PASSENGERS. ARRIVED.

Per Kumsang, from Calcutta, &c., Messes Beck, Pottinger and Parker. Per Anhui, from Shanghai, Mr and Mrs Guthrie and Capt. Taughan. Per Haitan, from Swatow, Meeses Y. E. Allen, H. E. Rankin, A. W. Joselend and J. C. Parkin,

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in any case whatever. Damaged packages must be left in the Go-downs for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the

> E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1909.

EAST ASIATIC COMPANY., LTD., COPENHAGEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE Steamship

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods The Apear str. Arratoon Apear from Calcutta | have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 31st inst. will be subject

> All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 31st inst, at 9.30 A.M. All claims must reach us before the 4th Jan.

or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the

undersigned. MELCHERS & Co.,

Hengkong, 24th December, 1909. AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAV I

GATION COMPANY. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND SHANGHAI.

HE Company's Steamship

"E, FRANZ FERDINAND," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that Goods will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and

Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersigned before NOON on the 2nd Jan., 1910, or they will not

be recognised. No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 2nd Jan, 1910, will be subject to rent. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ..

SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 27th December, 1909.

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. STEAMSHIP "SUVERIC,"

FROM SEATTLE, TACOMA, VAN-COUVER, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in

any case whatever. DODWELL & Co., LD.,

Hongkong, 27th December, 1909. CIEN TING

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